
OLR BILL ANALYSIS

sHB 5250

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF PRIMARY POLLING PLACE OFFICIALS.

SUMMARY:

This bill lifts the requirement that primary polling place officials (i.e., moderators, deputy head moderators, checkers, challengers, voting tabulator tenders, assistant registrars, and absentee ballot counters) reside in the municipality or political subdivision holding the primary. It thus allows registrars of voters to appoint state electors to these positions, which they may already do for elections.

The law requires primary polling place officials to be enrolled members of the party holding the primary. The bill retains this requirement, with one exception. It allows registrars to appoint a state elector, regardless of party enrollment, as a checker, challenger, voting tabulator tender, or assistant registrar if an insufficient number of party members consent to serve in the positions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/12/2012)